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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Grants to Legislatively Designated Entities in the State School Aid Act

Each year in the State School Aid Act, the Michigan Legislature appropriates approximately \$18,000,000 for grants designated to specific entities for specific purposes such as alternative energy training programs and financial emergency district funding. While the Public Act number of the State School Aid Act changes yearly, the section number for each of the legislatively designated grants generally remains the same.

The recipient of each legislatively designated grant must honor the purpose of the grant as written in the legislation. It must also provide documentation of this to the Michigan Department of Education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Grants to Legislatively Designated Entities in the State School Aid Act, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 25, 2008.

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Criteria for Grants to Legislatively Designated Entities in the State School Aid Act

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The legislatively designated grants in the State School Aid Act, to the extent possible, serve to attain the above Strategic Goal.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

☐ Competitive ☐ Formula ☒ New ☒ Continuation (*check all that apply*)

Every year the Michigan Legislature appropriates millions of dollars in legislatively designated grants to specific entities via the State School Aid Act. These grants are designated to specific entities for specific purposes. In May 2008, the State Board of Education approved criteria for an initial group of legislatively designated grants. Criteria for additional grants are being presented for Board action at this time.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved n/a

☒ Defined in Legislation ☐ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder ☐ Proposed by Staff

The following is a list of legislatively designated grants from the State School Aid Act including the title, the amount, the designated recipient, and the purpose.

Sec. 65(4) Alternative Energy Training Programs - \$225,000

To support engineering and science programs with industry-level partnerships that are in proximity to renewable energy facilities.

Designated Recipients: Bay Arenac ISD, Huron ISD, and Tuscola ISD

Sec. 99(e) Financial Emergency District Funding - \$125,000

To supplement the district's operational funds as compensation for having received a reduced foundation allowance due to proration while having had an emergency financial manager in place.

Designated Recipient: Inkster Public Schools

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

The eligible applicants are those designated in the legislation. They are specified above.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The amount of available funding for 2008-2009 is estimated to be \$350,000.

LEGISLATION

These legislatively designated grants are appropriated annually in the State School Aid Act. While the Public Act number of the State School Aid Act changes yearly, the section number for each of the legislatively designated grants generally remains the same.

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT/PROGRAM CONTACT

Sec. 65(4) Alternative Energy Training Programs

Office of Grants Coordination and School Support
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Sec. 99(e) Financial Emergency District Funding

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